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ATTN OF:

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Research Laboratory facility in Yakima.

Please distribute among the appropriate officials in your organization for review and comment.

If possible, return to me by April 1, 1983, so we can finalize and have it signed.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me, (206) 442-4903.

Sincerely,

Joan McNamee  
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John - how did you  
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Memorandum of Understanding

Among

State of Washington, Department of Ecology, (WDOE)  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Western Region, (USDA)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, (EPA)

Concerning

the cooperative administration of:

1. the laws enacted by the United States of America under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510 42 USC 9602 et seq.) (CERCLA)
2. the laws enacted by the State of Washington in Chapter 70.105 RCW and Regulation 173-303 WAC to protect health and the environment by abating threats from hazardous wastes.

Regarding

Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory  
U.S.D.A.  
Yakima, Washington

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to implement an investigation and any appropriate remedial action at the Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory through the cooperative efforts of EPA, WDOE and USDA.

The Director of the Washington Department of Ecology, the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Western Region, and the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 enter into this MOU which defines the following responsibilities of each party:

1. WDOE will be designated the lead agency. It will be their responsibility to develop in a separate document a proposed scope of work and compliance schedule for the investigation of the nature and extent of contamination at this site. This document and any subsequent related documents will be forwarded to EPA for review and concurrence prior to submitting to USDA for enactment.
2. The proposed documents cannot contain any provisions which restrict EPA's statutory oversight responsibility. EPA reserves the right to take any actions necessary to insure proper management and execution of this investigation.
3. EPA has the authority to enter into this MOU pursuant to §107(g) of CERCLA, §1-1 of Executive Order No. 12088, dated October 13, 1978, and §4.(d) of Executive Order No. 12316, dated August 14, 1981.